

Senate Resolution 1482

By: Senator Jones of the 10th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to rescind its decision to discontinue
2 C-Tran bus service in Clayton County on March 31, 2010; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, to many individuals and families in Clayton County, C-Tran is their sole mode
4 of transportation; and

5 WHEREAS, according to MARTA ridership data, C-Tran buses service more than 2.5
6 million riders each year, with an average of 8,465 each weekday, 4,361 riders on Saturdays,
7 and 3,182 riders on Sundays; and

8 WHEREAS, with 61 percent of C-Tran riders utilizing this service to get to and from their
9 place of employment, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners' decision to discontinue
10 C-Tran service will leave thousands in Clayton County without the ability to maintain their
11 livelihood; and

12 WHEREAS, 81 percent of C-Tran's riders earn less than \$35,000 annually, causing great
13 hardship for these families that must now find an alternate form of transportation such as
14 purchasing a vehicle and insurance or paying for costlier, private transportation services; and

15 WHEREAS, Clayton County's ability to attract and retain global industry and businesses will
16 be greatly deterred by the board's decision to end public transit; and

17 WHEREAS, the current service provided by GRTA will not meet the needs of nearly
18 one-third of Clayton County residents; and

19 WHEREAS, the board's decision to end C-Tran services will increase traffic on Georgia's
20 already overly congested roadways and further decrease the air quality in Metropolitan
21 Atlanta.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
23 urge the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to reconsider its decision to terminate
24 C-Tran service for Clayton County residents.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Clayton County Board of
27 Commissioners.